**Please note:** This is a copy of the newsletter sent to students. The formatting is a little different to the email version, due to the content being converted into a PDF. Dynamic content (content specific to Faculty/campus/level etc.) features at the end of this document but for students it's integrated into the body of the newsletter.



## Welcome to our new students

If you've just joined us, welcome! We hope you enjoy your first few weeks with us and get stuck in to all that university life has to offer.

For everyone else, the exam season is finally over and you can say goodbye to revision for now. And with Feel Good February just around the corner, there's plenty to look forward to this term. Take the opportunity to break your usual routine, try something new and feel good!

Feel Good February is back with over 200 free health and wellbeing events taking place across all of our campuses.

Grab your loyalty card, get a stamp for every event you attend and you'll be in with a chance of winning a prize. You can collect your loyalty card from an Information Point or The Students' Union from Monday 29 January.

See all Feel Good February events

# If personal circumstances affected your assessments

If you did not submit an assessment or attend an exam due to difficult personal circumstances, you may be able to use the <u>missed assessment process</u>.

If you submitted an assessment or attended an exam but feel you shouldn't have done so, you may be able to use the <u>removal of marks process</u>.

We recommend that you talk to our <u>Information Point</u> team for advice on your specific circumstances before submitting an application.

## A couple of reminders...

#### Want to change modules?

You can request to <u>change optional modules</u> up until 16:00 on Sunday 4 February. You can't change compulsory modules.

#### Set up your password manager

Register with our <u>password manager</u> <u>system</u>so that you can easily reset or change your university password.

#### **Present at the Student Conference**

If you'd like to present your work at our <u>Student Conference</u>, make sure you submit your 300 word abstract by Friday 26 January.

#### **Our Smokefree Policy**

Please remember to move 10 metres away from buildings if you smoke. It's part of our <u>Smokefree Policy</u> to create a healthier campus.

## Recognising the signs and symptoms of meningitis

Early symptoms of meningitis are similar to a hangover, and can include a fever, headaches, muscle pain and vomiting. Recognising the symptoms and getting help fast is the best way you can look after yourself and your friends.

The MenACWY vaccination protects you against four different causes of meningitis and septicaemia. It's free for all first-time university students up to 25 years old (including international students). If you haven't had it, ask your GP.

Find out more about vaccination and symptoms

# Struggling to manage your uni work and social life?

Create a personalised schedule for each of your assignments and learn how to manage your time effectively with our online time management resources.

If you are feeling overwhelmed, you can talk to us - there's a lot we can do to help make things better. Contact our <u>Information Point</u> team and they'll put you in touch with the right person.

Try our time management resources

## Make 2018 the year you volunteer

Volunteering's the perfect way to learn new skills and spruce up your CV, all whilst giving back to your local community.

Whatever your interests, we'll have a volunteering role to suit you – from outreach at the new Aerospace Bristol museum to co-ordinating events or social media posts.

Check InfoHub for volunteering opportunities

## Help us run Africa Week

Africa Week (12 - 16 March) is our annual celebration of African culture.

We're looking for student volunteers to help us plan and run the events. It's a great opportunity to gain work experience, build networks and meet high-profile guests, performers and inspirational individuals. If you'd like to give us a helping hand, <u>contact us</u> by Friday 9 February.

### Take over our Snapchat

Any exciting plans this term? Volunteering? Studying abroad? Work experience?

Take over the UWE Bristol Snapchat account for the day to show our followers what you're up to.

If you're up for the challenge, <u>email our</u> <u>Social Media team</u> with your name, your course and your story idea.

# Did you know we have our own free cinema?

From the latest blockbusters to cult classics, SceneIT cinema is a great place to relax after lectures. With 110 seats, a High Definition projection system and Dolby digital surround sound; it's just like being in the cinema – except it's free!

Films are screened every Monday and Wednesday at 18:15 until the end of term and you don't need a ticket – just come along to 2D07, Frenchay Campus.

See what's on

## What's on?

#### The confidence to be: where next for the BAME graduate?

Rt Hon David Lammy MP will visit Frenchay Campus on Wednesday 24 January as part of the <u>UWE Bristol Equity</u> series. <u>Book your place</u> now.

#### The importance of professional journalism in a post-truth world

Simon Fox, Chief Executive of Trinity Mirror, will discuss fake news, his perspective on the journalism industry and how it's adapting to survive in the digital age on Wednesday 7 February - <u>book your place</u> now.



News What's on

# DO YOU WANT TO INFLUENCE LIFE AT UWE BRISTOL?

We're looking for the next generation of student leaders to set the direction of The Students' Union and be a voice for over 28,000 students.

Do you think you have what it takes to stand for President or Vice President and campaign on the issues that matter? Or perhaps you know someone who you think would be a great leader? Give them a little nudge and recommend them in The Leadership Race. Nominations are open now.

Nominate yourself or a friend





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# IS THERE A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS?

On Wednesday 24 January our Welfare Committee is hosting a panel discussion on whether there is a student mental health crisis. We'll be looking at the results from our recent Student Wellbeing Survey and discussing ways in which we can move forward and improve student wellbeing.

We have some fantastic guest speakers joining us, including the NUS VP Welfare, NUS Black Students' Officer, UWE Bristol Vice Chancellor and Chair of Universities UK Mental Health Board Professor Steve West CBE, and more.

# ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A JOB IN 2018?

Don't forget that here at The Students' Union we have our own JobShop, which advertises part-time and holiday work both on our campuses and across Bristol.

The JobShop website is updated daily with a variety of vacancies, ranging from bar work and hospitality to admin based roles, sports coaches and more.

Check out what opportunities are available online, or feel free to pop in and see us for a chat downstairs in The Students' Union at Frenchay Campus.

# Quick links

- » myUWE
- » Academic advice
- » Study support
- » Term dates

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### **Dynamic content**

#### January starters:

### Changing course

If you are thinking about transferring course, please make an appointment with a <u>Student</u> <u>Support Adviser</u> as soon as possible to discuss your options.

The deadline for transfer requests for courses that start on Monday 22 January is Sunday 4 February.

Find out more about transferring

### **City Campus:**

# Bedminster Cricket Club car park closed tomorrow

Bedminster Cricket Club car park will be closed to UWE Bristol users all day tomorrow, Tuesday 23 January.

If you're visiting Bower Ashton tomorrow, you can park in the following places:

- Car park outside A Block (UWE Bristol permit holders)
- Parking bays on Kennel Lodge Road (pay at meter)
- Ashton Court car park (from 08:00 17:15, pay at meter)

### **Gloucester Campus:**

## Alexandra Warehouse Library to open late on Wednesdays

In response to your feedback, we're keeping Alexandra Warehouse Library open until 20:00 on Wednesdays **from 31 January to 28 March**.

If you arrive after 18:00, you'll need to give us a call on 0117 32 85612 and we'll open the doors – as your Gloucester College cards won't work after 18:00.

### Frenchay students:

## What would you like to see in the Farmhouse?

We're looking to refurbish the Farmhouse and transform it into a 24/7 student space. Where's the Farmhouse, you ask? It's the old house opposite the SU that used to be the Vice-Chancellor's Office. It's a great building that has lots of potential.

So, what would you have in there? Pop along, have a tour and tell us!

Tuesday 30 January, 14:00 - 15:00. Spaces are limited, but if we have enough interest we'll put on more sessions.

Sign up now

### International students:

## Improve your English language skills

We're running a writing and grammar course and an advanced English language course this term. They're free, so if you're interested come along to a registration session on Wednesday 24 January or Friday 26 January.

Find out more about the courses

### **Arts and Cultural Industries students:**

# Copywriting students undertake industry branding exercise

One of our year 1 Creative and Professional Writing students, Alice Beresford, has written about a real-world branding exercise undertaken by her and her fellow students.

Read Alice's story

### Level 1 students:

## Thinking about doing a placement in the future?

If you're thinking about doing a placement in the future, it's never too early to start planning.

Come and talk to our experts during **Placement Week** (Monday 5 February - Friday 9 February) for advice on whether you're eligible to do a placement, tips on how and when to start your search and guidance on how to make your application stand out.

See all Placement Week events

### Level 2 students:

# Planning to do a placement?

Placements look great on your CV and we're here to help you find yours.

If you're thinking about doing a sandwich placement next year or you need to do a placement as part of a module, come and talk to our experts during **Placement Week** (Monday 5 February - Friday 9 February).

They'll be on hand to offer advice on whether you're eligible to do a placement, share tips on

how to search for a placement and make your application stand out and help if you're struggling to find a placement.

See all Placement Week events

#### Science students:

#### **Science Futures Fair**

Meet Science companies, recruiters and volunteering agencies and hear from some of our recent Alumni at our <u>Science Futures Fair</u> this Wednesday 24 January.

#### Level 3:

#### Get into teaching drop-in events

We run <u>monthly drop-in sessions</u> where you can find out how to take your first steps towards becoming a teacher. The first drop-in of the term is this Wednesday 24 January.

#### **FET students:**

### Where to find specialist software

Need to use a specific piece of software? You can find out which computers across campus have specialist software installed online. There are computers in the Library with specific Design, Engineering, Mathematics and Analysis and Software Development builds.

You can also <u>pre-book computers</u> if you know you're coming on to campus to study and want to guarantee that your computer will have the software you need.

Find a computer with specialist software

#### **FBL students:**

### Where to find specialist software

Need to use a specific piece of software? Check our list of which computers in the Library and across campus have specialist software that you might need for your course, such as Adobe, SPSS Statistics and Minitab.

You can also <u>pre-book computers</u> if you know you're coming on to campus to study and want to guarantee that your computer will have the software you need.

Find a computer with specialist software

### ACE Frenchay students:

# Where to find specialist software

Need to use a specific piece of software? Check our list of which computers in the Library and across campus have specialist software that you might need for your course, such as Adobe.

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Find a computer with specialist software

### **HAS Frenchay students:**

## Where to find specialist software

Need to use a specific piece of software? Check our list of which computers in the Library and across campus have specialist software that you might need for your course, such as SPSS, Nvivo and Minitab.

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Find a computer with specialist software

#### **Kenyan students:**

#### Nairobi event: study Biomedical Science and Health in the UK

Dr. Emmanuel Adukwu will be visiting Nairobi on Saturday 3 February to talk about studying Biomedical Science and Health at UWE Bristol. If you know anyone who would be interested, please <u>pass on the invitation</u>.

### Indonesian students:

# Halo apa kabar?

PPI Bristol, the Indonesian Student Association at Bristol and Bath, are running lots of events this year and they'd love you to get involved.

You can meet other Indonesian students, enjoy Indonesian food and help to promote magnificent Indonesian culture. The association also acts as an educational outreach for studying in UK and voices the opinion of Indonesian students.

To stay updated, follow them on Instagram <u>@ppibristol</u> and <u>register with the association</u> online.

Yang paling penting, kami, pelajar Indonesia di Bristol, cinta Bristol!